THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

States affected due to breakage of Kosi river in Nepal

922. SHRI P.R. RAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many States in the country were affected with floods caused due to the breakage of Kosi river in Nepal;

(b) how many deaths occurred due to the floods this year in the country; and

(c) whether Government has any programmes to restructure the country's disaster management system in the wake of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) Due to breach is eastern afflux bund in Kosi barrage on 18th August, 2008, about 80% of Kosi water changed course and flooded north-eastern parts of Bihar only.

(b) As per information received from the State Governments/Union Territory Governments, 3402 human lives reported to have been lost due to cyclonic storms, floods, and landslides etc., during 2008.

(c) In order to strengthen the existing disaster management system, the Disaster Management Act, 2005 was enacted and notified on December 26, 2005 to provide for institutional mechanisms for drawing up and monitoring the implementation of the disaster management plans, ensuing measures by various wings of Government for prevention and mitigating effects of disasters and for undertaking a holistic, coordinated, and prompt response to any disaster situation.

As per the Act, the Central Government has constituted the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) with the responsibility for laying down the policies, plans, and guidelines for disaster managements.

Relief and rehabilitation for Tsunami affected areas

923. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that even nearly after four years of Tsunami disaster, the expectation of many small villages in Southern States where wreckage occurred, Relief and Rehabilitation (R and R) has not been provided;

(b) if so, whether Government has addressed itself to provide R and R in such small villages in all the affected areas of far flung places either in Andaman and Nicobar Islands or remote southern States;

(c) the financial outlay during the last three years for such R and R work and whether all the funds were spent; and

(d) whether Government has an effective monitoring set-up to supervise this and what is its efficacy?